

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A progressive gaming system adapted to accept wagers in a plurality of currencies or a plurality of denominations of the same currency and capable of awarding at least one linked prize, the system comprising:

(A) a central system adapted to control the progressive gaming system;
(B) one or more prizes adapted to being awarded to at least one participants;

(C) each of said prizes comprising at least ~~a total wager amount~~ and a minimum prize value;

(D) at least one ~~or more~~ devices adapted to accept a wager for participation in a said prize adapted to being awarded to said participant;

(E) ~~each of~~ said devices comprising at least one pay line, said pay line comprising odds for winning said prize, said wager and said odds being adapted to the determination of a total wager amount;

(F) said central system being adapted to link said prizes to said devices based on a substantial equivalence of ~~each independent entity's~~ said total wager amount;

(G) said central system being adapted to enable said devices linked to a said prize adapted to being awarded to said participant to participate for winning said prize adapted to being awarded to said participant; and

(H) said central system being adapted to acquire transactions resulting from participation for said prizes adapted to being awarded to said participant and to control at least one prize award events.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the ~~prize's~~ total wager amount of the prize adapted to being awarded to said participant is the theoretical sum of all wagers made for each said prize award event.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the devices ~~adapted to participate in a prize are~~ is comprised of at least one of the following:

(A) a devices that accepts wagers for the chance of winning prizes;
(B) a secondary devices coupled with a primary devices for the purpose of awarding bonus play; ~~and~~ or

(C) at least one of the following: internet enabled gaming programs, events, ~~and/or~~ transactions.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the devices ~~are~~ is adapted to:

(A) accept wagers for play;
(B) utilize at least one pay line, each of said at least one pay line comprising at least the odds for winning a prize; and
(C) enable determination of a the total wager amount based upon the value of said wagers and said odds for winning a prize.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the device's total wager amount comprises the product obtained by multiplying the value of a wager times the odds of winning.

6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the device's total wager amount comprises the product obtained by multiplying an exchange rate between a currency of a the wager and a currency of a prize times the product obtained by multiplying the value of a the wager times the odds of winning.

7. (Original) A method of operating a progressive wagering system, the system being capable of accepting wagers in a plurality of currencies or a plurality of denominations of the same currency, comprising the following steps:

(A) determining a total wager amount for a prize,
(B) determining the total wager amount for a game pay line on a device;
and

(C) linking the prize to the device if the prize's total wager amount is substantially equal to the device's total wager amount.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the total wager amount for a the prize is the theoretical sum of all wagers made for each prize award event.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the device's total wager amount comprises the product obtained by multiplying the value of a the wager times the odds of winning.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein the device's total wager amount comprises the product obtained by multiplying an exchange rate between a currency of a the wager and a currency of a the prize times the product obtained by multiplying the value of a the wager times the odds of winning.

11. (Currently amended) A method of operating a progressive wagering system, the system being capable of accepting wagers in a plurality of currencies or a plurality of denominations of the same currency, comprising the following steps:

(A) determining a total wager amount for a progressive prize wherein the prize is awarded upon the occurrence of a prize award event,

(B) determining the total wager amount for a game pay line on a gaming device; and

(C) linking the gaming device to the progressive prize if the total wager amount for the progressive prize is substantially equal to the total wager amount for the game pay line.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the total wager amount for the progressive prize is the theoretical sum of all wagers made for each said prize award event.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the total wager amount for the game pay line is a product obtained by multiplying an exchange rate between a currency of a wager and a currency of a the progressive prize by the product of a the ~~wager of a game~~ and odds of winning the game pay line.

14. (Currently amended) A method of operating a progressive wagering system, comprising:

(A) determining a total wager amount for a progressive prize wherein the prize is awarded upon the occurrence of a prize award event;

(B) recording the progressive prize's total wager amount;

(C) determining the total wager amount for a game pay line on a gaming device;

(D) recording the ~~wagering~~ total wager amount for the gaming device's pay line;

(E) comparing the total wager amount recorded for the progressive prize with the total wager amount recorded for the game pay line on the gaming device; and

(F) linking the progressive prize to the gaming device's pay line if the total wager amount recorded for the progressive prize is substantially equal to the total wager amount recorded for the gaming device's pay line.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the total wager amount for the progressive prize is the theoretical sum of all wagers made for each said prize award event.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the total wager amount for the game pay line is the product of a wager made on the gaming device multiplied by odds of winning the game pay line.